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Attorney Docket No.: DERM1100-1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Rheins and Morhenn  
Application No.: 09/375,609  
Filed: August 17, 1999  
Title: METHODS AND KITS FOR OBTAINING AND ANALYZING SKIN  
SAMPLES FOR THE DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS (As Amended)

Art Unit: 1647  
Examiner: L. Spector

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Total Claims	38	92		x \$09	x \$18	\$0.00
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Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 12, 2003



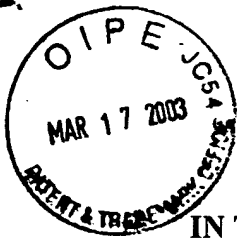
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 12, 2002, entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and the following remarks respectfully are requested.

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